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KID'S FEST 1999!!

Shannon McGinley, NHRTL VP

New Hampshire Right to Life's presence at WZID's Kid's Fest was a smashing success! Organizer's claim that over 4,000 people came through the Center of New Hampshire on Saturday, May 1, 1999! Because of your generous donations, we were able to hand out the plastic fetal models of the 11-12 preborn baby to every child that walk by our table! One-hundred and fifty homes have a little fetal model in their home with a description of his/her development that may never have otherwise reached them.

We wished that we would've had even more little babies as the kid's loved them and the parents loved to tell their children about when they were in their mommy's "tummy." They definitely make a great conversation piece. The babies will certainly be a fixture at NHRTL's table during fair season.

NHRTL volunteers had a great time handing out 150 balloons that read, "Children are a gift from God" and individually wrapped "LifeSavers." Be looking for us next year at the WZID Kids' Fest 2000!!!!

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTIONS STILL LEGAL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ellen Kolb, NHRTL Legislative Director

The New Hampshire state senate on May 20 effectively killed any ban on partial-birth abortion (PBA) in New Hampshire and then voted to bar any further consideration of a ban until 2001. The proposed PBA ban (SB 54) had five senate sponsors, led by Sen. Gary Francoeur. Co-sponsors included Sens. Sheila Roberge, Carl Johnson, Patricia Krueger, and Mary Brown. The original bill was a total protection bill, with no exceptions.

After a hearing before the Public Institutions/Health and Welfare Committee on March 15, the committee took no action on the bill for over two months. Once the committee made its recommendation to kill the bill, the bill went to the floor of the senate with no time for public response.

SB 54 came to the senate floor with an "inexpedient to legislate" recommendation from the committee (5-1). Sen. Pat Krueger presented a minority report of "ought to pass with amendment," with the amendment adding an exception to allow PBA to save the life of a mother. The Senate rejected Krueger's motion, 8-16. Sen. Katherine Wells Wheeler (D-Durham), longtime abortion advocate, then moved for indefinite postponement, which prevents reintroduction of the bill before 2001. The Senate adopted her motion 13-11.

See **PBA STILL LEGAL**, Pg. 6



The NHRTL Booth at WZID Kid's Fest was staffed by Anne, Kristen, and Julia Hieronymous as well as sisters Jennifer and Elizabeth Breuder. Many volunteers made for a terrific day! Thanks All!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Phil Morrison NHRTL President

In case you haven't noticed, the race for the Presidency has begun in earnest. Until the New Hampshire primary, which will take place next winter, you can expect a steady stream of candidates to make their way into the state. The Republican Party field is particularly crowded, with the candidates espousing positions on various issues which run the gamut from liberal to conservative. This is particularly true on the social issues, such as the right to life, where the candidates have staked out positions ranging from ardently pro-abortion to unabashedly pro-life.

With such diversity in the positions of the candidates, particularly on the social issues, the arguments have already begun about how to find common ground within the Republican Party in order to regain the White House. As in previous elections, the party leadership have suggested that social conservatives' adherence to their causes have caused division within the party and threaten to reduce the Republican Party to the minority party in both houses of Congress. Pro-lifers, in particular, are accused of being too narrow-minded and "wasting" their votes on candidates who are "unelectable." The party leadership tells us that we need to be pragmatic, even if that means compromising on principle.

I have always been annoyed at the arguments that the principled pro-life candidates are unelectable. To me, this is a self-fulfilling prophesy: the party leadership, with the help of the media, declare a candidate to be unelectable; the voters, particularly the party faithful, afraid of wasting their vote, shy away from him and vote for the candidate "anointed" by the party; therefore, ipso facto, he IS unelectable. However, I maintain that if people would stand on principle and vote for a candidate based upon his/her position on the issues, rather than whether the party leadership and the media believe him/her to be electable, then he/she would BE electable.

Congressman Henry Hyde said it best, while speaking as a House manager before the Senate in the impeachment trial of President Clinton, when he said, "There are issues of transcendent importance that you have to be willing to lose your office over." If the protection of innocent human life is not one, what else could possibly be? Yet so many of the candidates seem all too willing to compromise on this most important issue. Is it asking too much for a candidate to risk losing his office in exchange for saving precious unborn babies? That is what I would call being pragmatic.

[Note: This article should not be construed as an endorsement of any candidate or party.]

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ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: BACK NEXT YEAR

Ellen Kolb

Proponents of an assisted suicide law in New Hampshire, unable to muster enough support to pass the bill, successfully moved to re-refer the bill to committee. The Senate Judiciary committee may take up the bill again in the next legislative session.

SB 44, whose sponsors were Sen. Katherine Wells Wheeler (D-Durham) and Rep. Robert Guest (D-Hanover), had a committee hearing on March 8. Committee chairman Sen. Debora Pignatelli kept the hearing going for several hours in an attempt to allow all those present to offer oral testimony.

The bill is subtitled "relative to physician aid-in-dying for certain persons suffering from a terminal condition." The text includes a provision that no action taken pursuant to the bill is to be considered suicide – an apparent attempt to downplay the patently anti-life nature of the bill.

Citizens from all over the state gave up what turned out to be most of a workday to wait their turn to urge the committee to kill the bill. Proponents were equally determined to be heard.

On April 1, with no roll-call vote, the senate adopted the committee's recommendation to re-refer the bill. (The committee vote was 6-1, with no minority report offered.) Announcing the committee's recommendation was co-sponsor Wheeler.

COMMENTARY:

Sen. Wheeler is no dummy – she can count, and she knew she didn't have the votes. She also didn't want to give aid & comfort to pro-lifers by insisting on a vote she knew she would lose.

That's why this bill has been re-referred.

After seeing several of these bills, I can tell you with confidence that the most persuasive testimony for legislators on this kind of bill comes from people who are suffering from chronic illness or who have nursed a loved one through chronic illness. Our neighbors with those experiences who SUPPORT assisted suicide are quite willing to tell their stories. How about you? Legislators need to hear from all of us who CHOOSE LIFE, especially when that choice isn't easy.

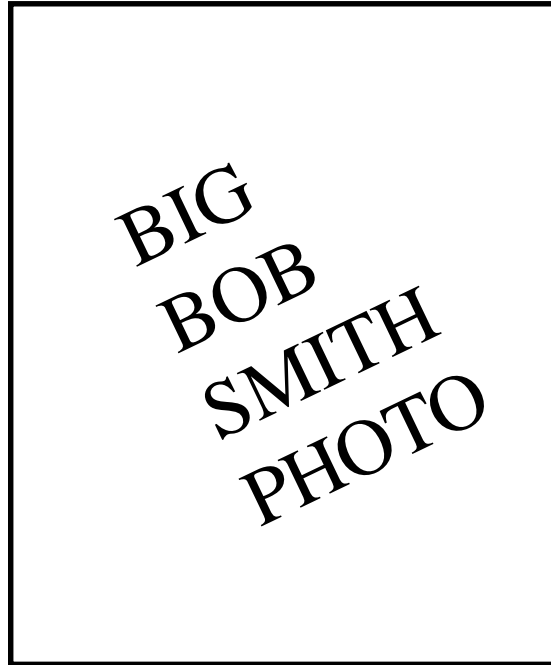
WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- ◆ Find out exactly what the bill says. NHRTL can provide the text along with an analysis.
- ◆ Be willing to contact your legislators about assisted suicide.
- ◆ Remember that not all our allies on abortion are with us on euthanasia. Be prepared to listen, offer encouragement, and be persistent.
- ◆ The health care professions have huge influence on legislators. We need more pro-life doctors, nurses, and allied professionals who are willing to speak out publicly against assisted suicide.



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NHRTL felt very welcome at the Coalition of NH Taxpayers Presidential 2000 Primary Cookout on July 4 in Hopkinton. Here Shannon McGinley and Jennifer Ruffing staff the NHRTL booth. Most everyone at the cookout was soon sporting a yellow LIFE sticker. It was a terrific day!

Life Chain

On October 3, 1999 there will be at least three (annual) Life Chains organized by the New Hampshire Pro-Life Council. Pro-lifers gather along streets, and prayfully witness holding signs reading either ABORTION KILLS BABIES or JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS. Contact Susan Hamel, 623-5801, about the Manchester event. Ask Mary Walsh, 528-3304, about the Laconia Life Chain. A third Life Chain will be held in Hampton from 2 to 3PM along Route 1 (Lafayette Road) at High Street and Exeter Road. Contact Missionaries to The Preborn at 436-1367 about the Hampton Life Chain. To learn how to organize a Life Chain in your town, contact the NH Pro-Life Council at POBox 4114, Manchester, NH 03108.

NHRTL HAS A NEW BROCHURE!

A new brochure with a general introduction to NHRTL has been catching attention lately. A concise explanation of NHRTL goals and activities fill the pages. If you want to help us circulate these, just contact our office. Thanks!



OPPOSITION TO STEM CELL RESEARCH GROWING

Mary Stipe

Pro-life Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) hosted a news conference earlier this month at the nation's capitol, calling for a continuation of the ban on federal funding for stem cell research. Sen. Brownback issued a statement condemning the practice, through which researchers use stem cells extracted from destroyed human embryos, as unethical and scientifically unnecessary. The document has been signed by renowned bioethicists, scientists and legal scholars currently numbering near 100, and can be found on the web at www.stemcellresearch.org, along with a mechanism for those in support to sign on.

The news conference and statement specifically countered a January statement by the Department of Health and Human Services. In it, HHS issued a legal opinion that the use of stem cells obtained from human embryos does not violate the 4-year-old Congressional funding ban on the practice, as long as the extraction of the cells was not provided for by federal dollars. Sen. Brownback declared that "The law is clear. We made it clear we were not willing to use tax dollars to destroy human embryos." Rather than backing away from inevitable opposition of proponents of the practice, Sen. Brownback added that he was "still looking at options" to strengthen the ban.

Former FDA Commissioner Dr. Frank Young, who has signed the document, said at the conference, "The possibility of crossing a moral and ethical bridge that will result in a backlash by the American people is very real."

Signatories agreed that the overarching ethical debate boils down to the simple fact that the end does not justify the means, as Dr. Young queried, "Are we prepared to sacrifice the vulnerable for the potential benefit of the rest of us?"

Nigel Cameron, Advisory Board Chairman for the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, a Christian-based group, commented that "It is the central mark of a civilized culture that it refuses to pursue good ends if the means are ethically questionable." He urged that society should not condone practices such as stem cell research by appropriating funds for its continuation.

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, director of the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University, warned that "The societal consequences [of stem cell research] are grave, indeed," emphasizing that "what is being destroyed is a member of the human species."

Also signing on to the document is Dr. Bernard Nathanson, former abortionist and founder of pro-abortion NARAL, who has become one of the most outspoken opponents to abortion in the debate today. Other notable signers include Dr. C. Everett Koop, former surgeon General; Dr. J.C. Willke, former president of the National Right to Life Committee and current president of the Life Issues Institute; Arthur Dyck, prominent Harvard population ethics expert; and Joel Brind, endocrinologist whose studies have highlighted the potential link between abortion and an increased risk of breast cancer.

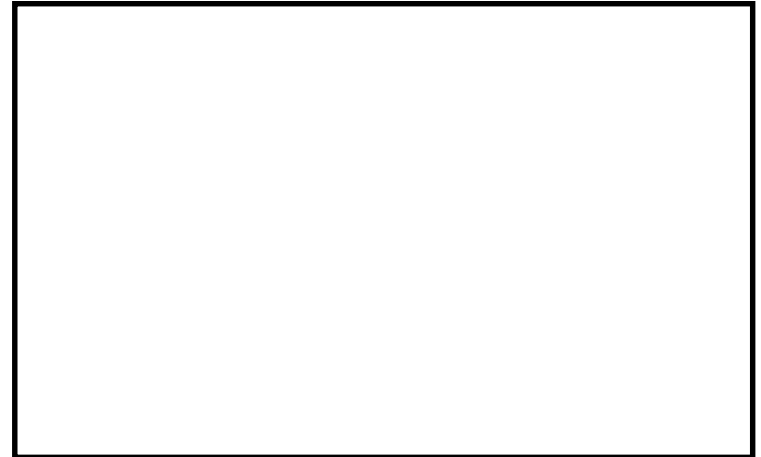
Compiled from various pro-life resources.

WOMEN'S EXPO

The women attending WZID's Women's Expo were expecting to see businesses and non-profit agencies that service women, but I doubt they were expecting to see New Hampshire Right to Life passing out literature on fetal development and the side-effects of abortion. Our video machine showed a new technology of taping the preborn child in the womb...truly amazing. Organizers claim that at least 2,200 people strolled through the Center of New Hampshire on Saturday, February 27, 1999.

Over 25 people signed up to get involved in our life-saving efforts. Ninety percent of the responses were positive and with the rest, hearts softened as we were given the opportunity to share the Truth. Planned Parenthood was present at the event as well. Their table was well-done in appearance and attracted many – something that we can learn from despite their sad and deceitful message.

One woman in particular found help at our table after she disclosed having an abortion as a young woman. We were able to provide her with information on post-abortion trauma and a place to go for counseling. Who knows how many others were helped that we will never know about.



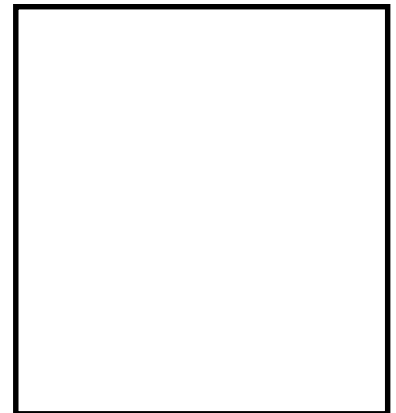
NHRTL wasn't the only pro-life group at WOMEN'S EXPO. The Feminists for Life had a booth too, and they offered some 100% no-exceptions literature to attendants. Feminists for Life sought pro-life unity by offering brochures for Birthright, STOPP and even NHRTL!

Have a Coffee!

NHRTL is looking for people to host a "coffee" in their home. Invite your friends or even someone that you know that needs to hear the Truth presented to them. Have them over for morning coffee or an evening of dessert. New Hampshire Right to Life can provide a speaker to give a presentation on a particular "Life" topic or a video could be shown from our vast library. Anyone interested? We'll even make up the invitations for you!

NHRTL Outreach Speaker

Shannon McGinley, NHRTL V-P, can attend your "coffee" or dessert night to bring a principled NHRTL message to your friends and family. She is a veteran pro-life activist, with experience working with American Life League, Collegians Activated to Liberate Life (CALL), the Christian Defense Coalition, the Pro-Life Action League, and the PA Pro-Life Development Project.



Shannon McGinley

While a freshman at Indiana University, she founded IU Students for Life. She earned a Marketing degree in 1994. Acting as a "pro-life consultant," she helped start new pro-life groups in the Midwest and strengthened ones already operational.

Shannon speaks on chastity and abortion. Recently, there has been strong demand for her to speak on activating collegiate pro-life organizations, sidewalk counseling, abortifacient birth control, natural family planning, and the slippery slope of birth control leading to abortion. Because of her concern for young people, Shannon uses her marketing expertise to promote chastity and the sanctity of human life.

Five Simple Things You Can Do to be Pro-Life

1. Pray for those girls considering abortion, that their hearts would be tender and open to receive counsel and the love and forgiveness of God.
2. Pray for the director and all those in decision-making positions, such as the board of directors.
3. Pray for the wisdom of God's Holy Spirit; for unity among the staff and volunteers, and for their marriages and families.
4. Pray for the funding; that people would be touched to give generously and regularly.
5. Join a prayer team or prayer supporters to pray for specific client or volunteer needs.

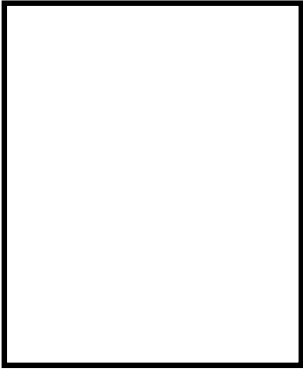
(Adapted from: *52 Simple Things That You Can Do to Be Pro-Life* by Anne Pierson and Carol Risser)



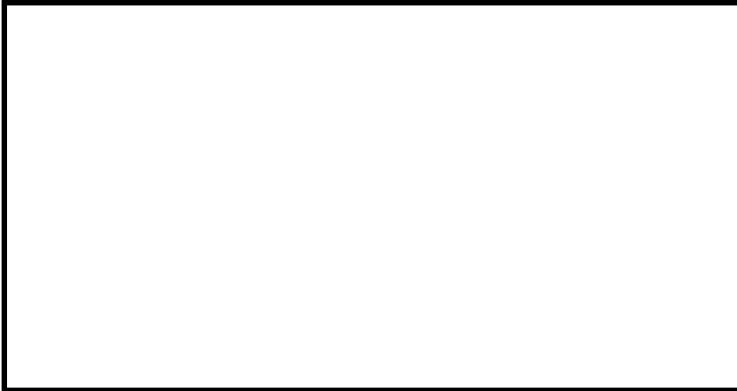
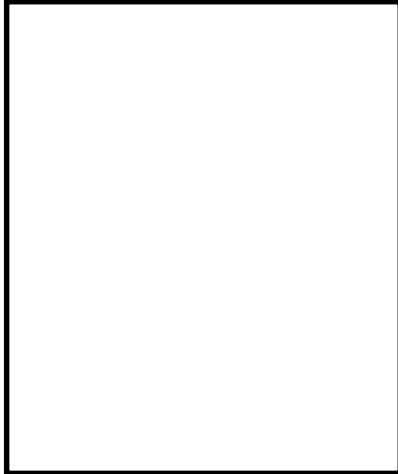


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EUGENICS IN THE WOMB



Gary Bauer, now running for President, was featured speaker.



PBA STILL LEGAL, From Pg. 1

NHRTL has advocated pro-life bills without exceptions, like the original SB 54. The New Hampshire senate's votes on SB 54 seem to indicate that the life-of-the-mother exception did not sway any senator to support the bill.

COMMENTARY: The vote on this bill illustrated pro-abortion extremism in action. Sadly, the publicity over education funding, which has dominated this legislative session and overshadowed every other issue, allowed the extremists to act virtually without public outcry. You, the pro-life voter, ought to know how the senate voted on SB 54.

To pass the bill as introduced: no such motion came.

To pass the bill as amended, with the life-of-the-mother exception: Sens. Fred King, Carl Johnson, George Disnard, Sheila Roberge, Gary Francoeur, Pat Krueger, Mary Brown, John King.

To reject the bill as amended (found PBA ban too extreme, even as amended): Ned Gordon, Leo Fraser, Clifton Below, Caroline McCarley, Rick Trombly, Clesson Blaisdell, Mark Fernald, Jim Squires, Debora Pignatelli, Sylvia Larsen, Rick Russman, Lou D'Allesandro, Katherine Wheeler, Arthur Klemm, Beverly Hollingworth, Burt Cohen.

TO POSTPONE SB 54 INDEFINITELY: Fraser, Below, McCarley, Trombly, Blaisdell, Fernald, Squires, Pignatelli, Larsen, Russman, D'Allesandro, Wheeler, Cohen.

To reject the motion to postpone: F. King, Gordon, Johnson, Disnard, Roberge, Francoeur, Krueger, Brown, J. King, Klemm, Hollingworth.



Mary Stipe

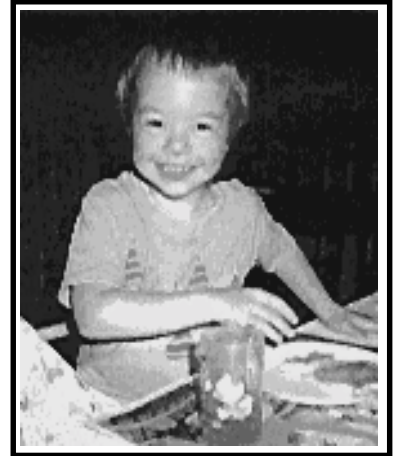
The Sunday Times: News out of London recently reported the musings of world renowned embryologist Bob Edwards at an international fertility conference, while the British prepare to institute a Down Syndrome screening procedure for all pregnancies to be instituted next year. Edwards' work with the late Patrick Steptoe produced Louise Brown, the first test-tube baby, in 1978.

Edwards provided a rare, but chilling, revelation about the business of fertility treatment that many pro-lifers have cautioned since the onset of the industry.

"Soon it will be a sin of parents to have a child that carries the heavy burden of genetic disease. We are entering a world where we have to consider the quality of our children," declared the doctor in remarks at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology's conference in France. He further embellished on the eugenics of fertility treatment throughout his commentary, welcoming the dawn of an age in which every child would be wanted and genetically acceptable.

Edwards suggested that people must not be repulsed by this notion, but rather should embrace the its use as a tool of social engineering. He stated his belief that fertility treatment and screening should be sought by all couples, not just the infertile, in a quest for children free of genetic illnesses.

In language devoid of any spiritual or emotional acknowledgement to the role of motherhood, the report reminds us that "New Diagnostic techniques already enable the screening of embryos before they are put into their host mother." In America, the process is already used in some clinics on all embryos to screen for specific genetic defects. With continued silence on the art of Americans, as genetic identification techniques progress, more sophisticated testing will screen out more defects, resulting in the escalation in the destruction of these tiniest of victims.



Targeted for extinction are the joyous lives of people with Down Syndrome, like Bill Stipe, above, son of the author.

In Memory...

In memory of Ann R. Cote by Arthur H. Cote III

Do Abortive Intentions Invalidate A Marriage?

Brian Fusonie, Esq.

The marriage judges and authorities with whom I have spoken agree that an engaged couple does not contract a valid marriage if they reserve a right to commit an abortion at the time they exchange their marriage vows. Those authorities include Frs. Ladislav M. Orsy, S.J., Lawrence G. Wrenn, Judicial Vicar John J. Mahoney of the Diocese of Manchester, and Michael S. Foster, an Adjutant Judicial Vicar for Boston.

As Pius XI reaffirmed in *Casti Connubii*, the duties of the marriage contract to children are “not completed by the mere begetting of them, but something else must be added ... For the most wise God would not have failed to make sufficient provision for children [by the marriage contract].” A couple must fully intend to order their lives to only good will toward each child they conceive. This required consent is contained in the marital vow to “accept children lovingly from God,” which is only genuinely exchanged if neither party reserves in their heart the right to reject and abort a child they may conceive. As stated by diocesan officials, “It would be a lie” if a couple exchanges the vow to “accept children lovingly” while reserving a right to murder a child.

An article by Kenneth Schmidt, J.C.D., published by the Canon Law Society of America for a recent Annual Proceeding, and in *The Jurist*, under the title *Educatio Proles And The Validity Of Marriage*, reports that authors agree “a condition or intention to procure abortion, kill the offspring, abandon them, or mutilate them ... renders a marriage invalid.” “There is more or less unanimous agreement among authors that marriage ... demands ... the protection of the natural evolution of any child who is conceived.”

A State or court would not knowingly convey parental rights in an adoption proceeding to those who reserve a right to murder a child the State might entrust to their care. So too, Christ, who knows each person’s heart and intentions, will not marry a couple — and thereby promise to legally recognize them as having a right to be parents of His children — if they reserve a right to abuse or murder a child He may entrust to them.

Vox Communitatis was able to conduct a survey of the men attending a recent New England Catholic Men’s conference. Over 91% said Jesus would not marry a man and woman who “intend to have children” but “reserve a right” to abort a child He may entrust to them. These results were confirmed by two smaller surveys. The protestants with whom I have spoken, including my former law school roommate, who is now a Methodist minister, similarly agreed that Jesus would not marry men and women who come to Him as their Lord and Priest claiming a right to murder a child He may co-create with them.

The official written response of the Diocese of Manchester, as directed by Bishop John McCormack, is that “Should a couple, however, exclude [from their marriage consent] ... some essential element or an essential property of marriage, it is invalidly contracted.” Writing on behalf of the Bishop, the Diocese’s Chancellor, Msgr. Norman Bolduc, also a marriage judge, then continued: “On an objective basis,



NHRTL teamed up with area pro-lifers to picket the annual National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) "Chocolates for Choice" fundraiser in Portsmouth. The sign reads, "NARAL'S CHOICE, DEAD BABIES"

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therefore, an intention on the part of either party at the time of marriage to abort a child ... would therefore invalidate a marriage.”

One of the best means we have as a Christian community of reducing the number of abortions is to make it clear that men and women will not be able to obtain their dream of being lawfully and validly married in the Church if they believe they have a right to murder a child they may conceive at an “inconvenient” time. Marriage permits no such “right.”

*The full text of this article appears in the first issue of *Vox Communitatis*, a Catholic-ecumenical journal “defending the rights of the Christian laity” initiated by Brian D. Fusonie, Esq. To order *Vox Communitatis* and its first issue, visit its web page at www.vox-com.com, or write P.O. Box 1665, Manchester, NH 03105.



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The right to life of each human being shall be preserved and protected by every human being in the society and by society as a whole, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from the biological beginning throughout the natural continuum of that human being's life by all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected at each stage of the life continuum to the same extent as at each and every other stage regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected to the same extent as the life of each and every human being regardless of health or condition of dependency, and

When there is any doubt that there exists a human being's life to preserve and protect, such doubt shall be resolved in favor of the existence of a human being, and

When two or more human beings are in a situation in which their lives are mutually endangered, all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts shall be used to preserve and protect the life of each and every human being so endangered.

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